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HEALTH AUTHORITY.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
PORT MEDICAL OFFICER.
1956



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NEW SHOREHAM PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

16, Buckingham Road,
SHOREHAM-BY-SEA,
Sussex.

11th March 1957.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year ended 31st December 1956.

During that period 358 vessels (including 20 yachts) arrived from foreign ports (net tonnage 124,515) and 1829 vessels from coastwise ports (net tonnage 642,148), a total of 2187 vessels.

This shows an increase of 238 vessels (115,384 net tons) from coastwise ports, and a decrease of 133 vessels (94,883 net tons) from foreign ports.

During the year 350 vessels from foreign ports and 1566 vessels from coastwise ports were inspected and 33 notices for defects were served, 28 of these being complied with. A number of minor defects such as lack of cleanliness in the galleys and crews' quarters were dealt with by a verbal caution to the masters or crew of the vessels concerned. On the whole the standard of cleanliness, particularly in the newer ships, is very good. The standard of some of the older ships is not so good, mainly by reason of bad siting of the galleys.

There has been a considerable increase in the number of food cargoes landed at this Port. These include 9 vessels loaded with fruit (apricots, melons, grapes and citrus fruits), 16 vessels with potatoes, 1 with carrots and onions, and in the general cargoes part cargo of tinned meats, onions, and sausage casings. All the cargoes were inspected and found to be in a good condition.

All ships carrying fruit, vegetables, and timber from foreign ports were searched during and on completion of discharge but no traces of rats were found.

All the vessels that may have called at an infected port during the voyage were boarded on arrival but no cases of infectious disease or sickness were reported.

One case of infectious disease (German Measles) was admitted to Foredown Hospital. This ship was not from an infected port. All cases of V.D. were referred to the Brighton or Worthing Clinic.

Approval of the Port was granted by the Ministry of Health on the 1st of June 1956, and since then 39 Deratting Exemption Certificates have been issued, 2 being issued by the Southampton Port Health Authority prior to approval, making a total of 41 Certificates. In addition, 4 Rodent Control Certificates were issued under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949.

Several visits were made to the pleasure steamers at Brighton. I understand that the Minister of Transport is considering regulations concerning this type of vessel.

I have obtained from the Worthing and Brighton V.D. Clinics, figures for attendances of seamen during the year ended 31st December 1956. These figures prove very little in themselves, but they remind us that these diseases are quite prevalent in spite of modern treatment. Venereal disease is not notifiable and figures can only be obtained for attendances at V.D. clinics.

I wish to thank the Deputy Port Medical Officer, Dr. A.J. Partridge, for his help and co-operation during the year. This association has proved a particularly happy one.

In conclusion I desire to express my appreciation for the way Mr. Tate has carried out his duties, and my thanks to the officers of Her Majesty's Customs and Excise for their valued co-operation.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

T. H. HARRISON.

Port Medical Officer of Health.

To: The Chairman and Members of
the New Shoreham Port Health
Authority.

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SECTION I
STAFF
TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments held
T.H.Harrison	Port Medical Officer	1.4.55	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.T.M. & H.	M.O.H. to Urban Dis- tricts of Shoreham & Southwick. M.O.H. to Chancetonbury Rural District Assistant M.O.H. to West Sussex County Coun- cil.
A.J.Partridge	Deputy Port Medical Officer	1.4.55	F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.R.C.O.G.	Police Sur- geon, West Sussex Con- stabulary Steyning Division.
A. Tate	Port Health Inspector	1.8.55	D.P.A., C.R.S.I., M.A.P.H.I.	--
T.A.Eardley	Deputy Port Health Inspector	1942	C.S.I.B.	Public Health Inspector to Southwick Urban Dis- trict Council

Address and Telephone Number of
the Medical Officer of Health:

"White Lodge",
Buckingham Road,
SHOREHAM-BY-SEA.
Shoreham 3550.

SECTION II

AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE B.

SHIPS FROM:	NO.	NET TONNAGE	NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS		INFECTIOUS DISEASE
			M.O.H.	P.H.I.	
FOREIGN	358	124,515	6	350	3 (V.D.)
COAST-WISE	1829	642,148	6	1566	1 (German Measles)
TOTALS	2187	766,663	12	1916	4

SECTION III

CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE C.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC. A number of pleasure steamers sailed from Brighton for day trips to the continent and coastwise.

CARGO TRAFFIC

IMPORTS

FROM FOREIGN PORTS

	<u>No. of Ships</u>	<u>Net Tonnage</u>
Coal	158	81,896
Timber	68	16,704
General	35	11,155
Stone	4	837
Fruit	9	2,380
Vegetables	16	2,816
Bog Ore	7	2,181
Fertilizer	3	549
Bricks	2	215

COASTWISE

Coal	747	418,907
Oil	505	84,112
Beach	420	86,242
Slag	66	28,475
Stone	43	15,083
Potatoes	6	1,056
General	1	203
Cement	1	237

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EXPORTS

	<u>NO. of Ships</u>	<u>Net Tonnage</u>
Scrap Iron	58	7,470
Coke Breeze	20	4,976
General	13	4,006
Tar	4	965
Spent Oxide	3	438
Fruit	2	644
Live Cattle	1	487
Meat	1	222

PRINCIPAL PORTS FROM WHICH SHIPS ARRIVE.

<u>BRITISH</u>		<u>FOREIGN</u>	
Southampton	686	Rotterdam	139
Goole	477	Antwerp	35
London	247	Ostend	31
Tyne	129	Rouen	8
Amble	58	Dunkirk	6
Middlesbro	48		
Blyth	44		
Port Talbot	22		
Flixborough	21		
Newlyn	14		
Portsmouth	14		
Llandulais	8		
Sunderland	8		
Port Houstock	7		
Belfast	5		
Poole	5		

Various other Ports 36

VARIOUS PORTS

Sweden	17	Spain	5
France	20	Germany	3
Holland	16	Eire	1
Finland	16	Belgium	3
Poland	9	Cyprus	3
Channel Islands	6	Russia	4
Denmark	5	Algeria	1
Norway	5	Greece	1

FOREIGN PORTS FROM WHICH VESSELS HAVE ARRIVED

FRANCE Dieppe, Gravelines, Le Mailleraye, Boulogne, Honfleur, Cherbourg, Caen, Lorient, Nantes, Le Havre, Calais, Dunkirk, Rouen.

CHANNEL ISLANDS St, Malo, Jersey, Guernsey.

BELGIUM Antwerp, Ostend, Ghent.

GERMANY Hamburg, Flensburg.

<u>POLAND</u>	Danzig, Gdansk, Stettin.
<u>HOLLAND</u>	Delfzyl, Dienover, Hansward, Middleburg, Middleharnis, Turnuezen, Urk, Ymuiden, Zendaam.
<u>NORWAY</u>	Arendal, Gefle, Porsgron.
<u>FINLAND</u>	Batskarnas, Hamina, Heeninga, Hudiksval, Kemi, Kotka, Pernoviken, Mantyluoto.
<u>SWEDEN</u>	Ala, Borga, Goteborg, Kalmar, Karlsborg, Skoghal, Sodertelje, Stockholm, Rundvik, Vastervick, Uddevalla.
<u>RUSSIA</u>	Archangel, Mesane, Petsora.
<u>DENMARK</u>	Ebsjerg, Gillgletje, Skaarchage.
<u>SPAIN</u>	Cartagena.
<u>ALGERIA</u>	Algiers.
<u>CYPRUS</u>	Limassol
<u>GREECE</u>	Chios
<u>EIRE</u>	Mulroy

SECTION IV

INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

Number using the district	- Nil
Tonnage	- Nil
Places served by the traffic	- Nil

SECTION V

WATER SUPPLY

Source of Supply for District	- Brighton Corporation
Source of Supply for Shipping	- Brighton Corporation
Reports of Tests for contamination	- During the year one sample of water from the supply available to ships was submitted for analysis. The result was satisfactory.
Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes	- Hosepipes are delivered from store and collected on request.
Number and sanitary condition of water boats, and powers of control by authority	- Nil.

SECTION VI

PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS 1952

No Change.

SECTION VII

SMALLPOX.

- (i) Arrangements have been made for the removal of smallpox cases to Long Reach Hospital, Dartford.
- (ii) The transport of smallpox patients would be by ambulance provided by the Brighton Corporation.
- (iii) The Consultant in respect of suspected cases of smallpox is Dr. W.S. Parker, Medical Officer of Health, Brighton.
- (iv) The Public Health Laboratory in Brighton is available for the examination of specimens submitted for diagnosis.

SECTION VIII

VENEREAL DISEASE.

No Change.

19 cases reported to Brighton and Worthing Clinics for treatment as follows:-

- 1 Late latent lues
- 7 Gonorrhoea
- 1 Reiters syndrome
- 8 Non-specific urethritis
- 2 Other conditions.

SECTION IX

CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS.

TABLE D.

<u>Category</u>	Disease	No. of cases during year		No. of Ships concerned
		Pass.	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports		NIL	NIL	NIL
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed before arrival		NIL	NIL	NIL
Cases landed from other ships	German Measles		1	1

SECTION X

MALARIA IN SHIPS

No ships visit the Port from Malarial countries.

SECTION XI

MEASURES AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE

No cases of plague have been reported on ships arriving at this Port.

SECTION XII.

MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

All ships from foreign ports were searched during and on completion of discharge but no evidence of rats was found.

TABLE E.

No rat infestation has been found on ships from foreign ports.

TABLE F.

2 Deratting Exemption Certificates were issued by Southampton Port Health Authority.

Approval was granted of this Port on 1st June 1956. 39 Deratting Exemption Certificates have since been issued.

SECTION XIII

INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES.

TABLE G.

Nature & Number of Inspections	No. of Ships	Notices Served		Result of Serving Notices
		Statu- tory	Others	
Foreign	350		2	2 complied
Coastwise	1666		31	26 complied
Houseboats	20			

SECTION XIV

PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS 1934 and 1948

No Change

SECTION XV

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS.

No Change

